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**Confirmation No.: 1769**

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Filed : October 17, 2003  
Examiner : Angela Marie Bertagna  
Group Art Unit : 1637  
For : A METHOD OF DETECTION OF SP-A2 GENE  
VARIANTS USEFUL FOR PREDICTION OF  
PREDISPOSITION TO ASPERGILLOSIS

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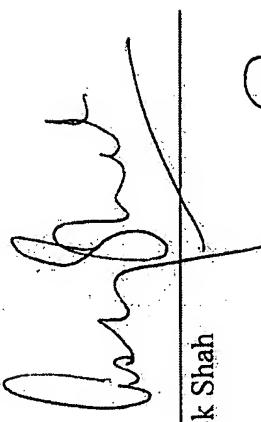
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